REP. BECERRA APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN SENATE APPROVAL OF ELENA KAGEN TO THE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today the United States Senate approved the appointment of Solicitor General Elena Kagen to be the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court by a vote of 63-37. After the Senate's vote, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

"With a lifelong record to prove it, Justice Elena Kagen will be a consensus builder on the Supreme Court and I commend the Senate for confirming her with a bipartisan vote. From her start as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall to her service as Dean of Harvard Law School and as this nation's Solicitor General, Elena Kagen's real world experiences will serve the Court and our country admirably. Thanks to President Obama, for the first time in our history, three of the nine Justices will be women the next time the Court convenes."